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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 5-7 and 9, without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 8, 10-14 and 18, as shown in the following listing of claims:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the viability of a tumor cell, comprising administering to the tumor cell a-an attenuated strain of vesicular stomatitis virus, wherein said virus is not a common human pathogen and said tumor cell is a carcinoma.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the carcinoma is a lung carcinoma.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tumor cell is PKR-/-; STAT1-/-; or both PKR-/- and STAT1-/-.

Claims 5-7 (cancelled).

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 71, wherein the virus is unable to inactivate PKR activity within the tumor cell.

Claim 9 (cancelled).

- 10. (Currently amended) The method of claim $9\underline{1}$, wherein the virus is vesicular stomatitis virus strain M1.
- 11. (Currently amended) The method of claim $9\underline{1}$, wherein the virus is vesicular stomatitis virus strain M2.
- 12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 91, wherein the virus is vesicular stomatitis virus strain M3.
- 13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 91, wherein the virus is vesicular stomatitis virus strain M4.
- 14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 91, wherein the virus is vesicular stomatitis virus strain M5.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tumor cell is in a mammalian subject and the virus is administered to the tumor cell by intravenous, intranasal, intraperitoneal or intratumoral administration to the subject.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the mammalian subject is a human or a non-human mammal.

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- 17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the virus is contained in cell line infected with the virus and the administration comprises administering the virus-infected cell line to the subject by a route selected from intratumorally, intravenously or intraperitoneally.
- 18. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the viability of a tumor cell within a population of tumor cells and non-tumor cells comprising administering a-an attenuated strain of vesicular stomatitis virus to the population of cells, wherein tumor cells are carcinoma cells and the virus is able to selectively infect and kill the tumor cell.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the virus is unable to inactivate PKR activity in the tumor cell.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising treating the population of cells with interferon prior to administering the virus.